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4	Hamilton District Judgement & Cost Book, March Term, 1803 – Sept. Term, 1809

COURTS WHERE TENNESSEE LAWSUITS WERE TRIED

TIME PERIOD	TYPE OF CASE	COURT
1796-1809	Any minor matter	Court of Common Pleas & Quarter Sessions
	Any larger matter; all appeals	Superior Courts of Law & Equity
1809-1834	Any minor matter	Court of Pleas
	Larger law cases	Circuit Court
	Larger equity cases	Supreme Court ^{Superior} (see 1822-1834 also)
	Appeals of law cases	Supreme Court
1822-1834	Larger Equity Cases	Chancery Division of Supreme Court
1834-present	Business matters only (not disputes)	County Court
	Any law case	Circuit Court (which divided into Civil & Criminal courts in some places after 1847. Criminal heard "State" cases and Civil heard cases between individuals.)
	Any equity case	Chancery Court
	Appeals of all cases	Supreme Court

Types of Cases Heard in the Courts after 1834

County Court Appointment of administrators and guardians; reports of same; wills proved; widow's provisions laid off; road crews appointed; apprentices bound; wildcat/wolf bounties paid; paupers and "idiots" provided for; taxes adjusted.

Circuit Court (Heard cases of *LAW* -- where laws had been broken and guilt or innocence was to be decided.) Civil Cases include debt, divorce, assault. State/Criminal Cases include theft, gambling, fighting, murder, bastardy.

Chancery Court (Heard cases of *EQUITY* -- disputes in which court had to decide what would be fair to all parties.) Estate disputes; land and slave ownership disputes; business partnership dissolutions; division of property in divorces; incompetency rebuttals; claims against public officials.